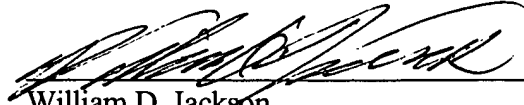


REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



William D. Jackson

Registration No. 20,846

Date: January 6, 2006

Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP
2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200
Dallas, TX 75201-6776
Telephone: (214) 740-8535
Facsimile: (214) 756-8535